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SUBJECT: POLISH NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO MEETING
IN WARSAW RE PEACE AND END OF WWII

1. FRENCH PERMDEL HAS INQUIRED IF PERMDEL INFORMED AS TO US PARTICIPANTS IN CONFERENCE TO BE HELD OCTOBER IN WARSAW, BY POLISH NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO ON GENERAL THEME OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING. FRENCH PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BY INVITATION'S CITATION OF EVENT AS IN COMMEMORATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF END OF WORLD WAR II AND AGENDA LINKAGE OF DIFFERENT PEACE TOPICS TO HISTORICAL LESSONS OF WWII ON ANTI-FASCISM.

2. FRENCH NATIONAL COMMISSION PRESIDENT JEAN THOMAS ACCEPTED INVITATION, WITHOUT CONSULTING GOF, BUT ONLY TO PARTICIPATE IN "PRIVATE CAPACITY". LIST OF PARTICIPANTS SENT FRENCH PREDICTABLY INCLUDES OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS OF ALLIED COALITION BUT SURPRISINGLY INCLUDES ABOUT 20 LDC'S SUCH AS BENGLADESH AND ALGERIA.

3. IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO FRENCH INQUIRY, PERMDEL
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WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT

AND US NATCOM REGARDING NAMES OF US PARTICIPANTS AND
ESPECIALLY WHETHER THEY PARTICIPATING IN PRIVATE
CAPACITY OR AS OFFICIAL USG REPRESENTATIVES.

4. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, US AND ESPECIALLY OTHER
WESTERN MEMBERS OF WWII ALLIANCE HAVE HAD SERIOUS
RESERVATIONS ON SOVIET AND BLOC PROMOTION OF WWI VICTORY
COMMEMORATION DUE BLOC EMPHASIS ON THEMES OF IDEOLOGICAL
CONFLICT AND GLORIFICATION SOVIET ROLE IN VICTORY.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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